



FY24 Grant Programs Request for Proposals

Western States Fire Managers (WSFM)



Funding wildfire risk mitigation efforts in the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)

Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR)



Promoting collaborative, science-based restoration on priority forest landscapes.

The Idaho Department of Lands is now accepting project proposals for the WSFM & LSR Grant Programs funded by the USDA Forest Service, State & Private Forestry Branch.

Informational Webinar: January 19, 2023
Deadline for submission: March 10, 2023

January 18, 2023



ANNOUNCEMENT: Request for Project Proposals for the
Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) & Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant Programs

The Idaho Department of Lands is pleased to announce that the FY24 Grant Cycle is open for the WSFM & LSR grant programs.

Grants of up to \$240,000 each for the WSFM & LSR grant programs are available to help eligible entities implement wildfire mitigation and/or collaborative forest landscape restoration projects. State and local agencies, non-profit organizations, tribes and educational institutions are eligible to apply. Wildfire mitigation type projects must be described in County Wildfire Preparedness Plans (stand alone CWPPs or plans incorporated into County All Hazard Mitigation Plans are acceptable). **Funding from this grant program is provided on a reimbursement basis only - grantees will be required to pay for costs associated with project implementation (including but not limited to vendors/contractors) prior to seeking reimbursement from the Idaho Department of Lands.**

On January 19, 2023, a webinar presentation will be held via Zoom covering programmatic information, project examples, best practices of project design as it relates to completing the project proposal, as well as an in-depth look at the proposal packets and details necessary to complete this years project proposals. Visit the IDL Transparency webpage event for meeting details.

A limited number of project proposals will be selected for full development and western competition. Additional information about the WSFM & LSR programs as well as the FY24 Project Proposal Packets can be found at: <https://www.idl.idaho.gov/fire-management/forestry-fire-grants/>.

Completed project proposal packets are due via email to the Idaho Department of Lands no later than **March 10, 2023 @ 5PM PST**. Submit to tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov

Interested entities should direct all questions as well as any project considerations to Tyre Holfeltz prior to developing their application.

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Funding for this program is made possible by the US Forest Service State & Private Forestry branch.

Process & Timeline

January 19, 2023
Project Planning and Proposal Development Webinar

January 18, 2023
Posted the FY24 WSFM & LSR Proposal Packets to the IDL Grants Website

March 10, 2023
WSFM & LSR Project Proposals Due via email to tholfeltz@idl.idaho.gov

March - September 2023
Proposals further developed in coordination with the IDL in preparation for Fall Western Competition.

Summer 2024
States are notified of funded projects and sign agreements with Forest Service for grant dollars

Fall 2024
Applicants notified of awarded projects.

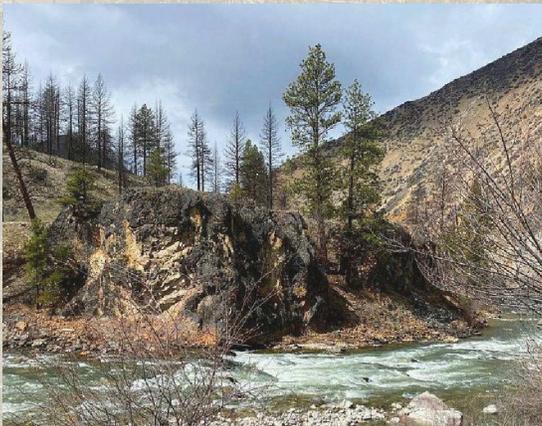
Fall/Winter 2024
The IDL and Awarded Grantees enter into agreements. Project work begins!

The Landscape Scale Restoration (LSR) Grant

Projects funded through the LSR competitive process should include a focus on priority landscape areas as found in the Idaho Forest Action Plan (or equivalent state-wide restoration strategy) and should encourage the use of innovative cross-boundary approaches. "Cross-boundary" is meant to be defined broadly. Innovative projects should integrate State and Private Forestry (S&PF) programs and cross a combination of ownerships and management boundaries. However, LSR funds cannot be expended on any form of federal land.



\$0 - \$240,000



Projects must focus on rural lands, specifically nonindustrial private lands or State lands. For the purposes of this program, rural means any area other than an urbanized area such as a city or town

with a population greater than 50,000 inhabitants. **Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, universities and 501(c)3 organizations.**

One recent project example that scored very high competitively is the Blackfoot River Restoration Project. This project builds upon restoration efforts in a Wildlife Management Area through cottonwood and willow plantings in support of bank stabilization efforts to enhance water quality for native fish.



Western States Fire Managers (Wildland Urban Interface) Grants

The Western States Fire Managers (WSFM) grant provides funds to mitigate risk from wildland fire within the Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) with emphasis on hazard fuel reduction, information/education, assessment/planning, and project monitoring through community/landowner actions. Projects must adhere to a specific set of criteria and must be included in the respective Community Wildfire Preparedness Plan (CWPP). **Eligible applicants include state/local/tribal governments, and 501(c)3 organizations.**



A 1:1 match of funds is required for the WSFM grant (applicants are required to supply a minimum of 10% match). There is no adjacency requirement (the project does not have to be adjacent to a federal project). In the state of Idaho, these grants are scored, ranked, and funded on a competitive basis in the Western United States.

Examples (not all inclusive) of qualifying projects:

- Defensible space around homes and structures
 - Shaded fuel breaks
- Fuels reduction beyond defensible space adjacent to WUI areas
- Removal of slash including piling and burning; mulching; grinding; etc.
 - Prescribed fire
 - Thinning
- Maintenance of non-federally funded fuels projects
- Monitoring components of projects for effectiveness
 - Education
 - CWPP development

